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***The Honorable Brad Carson
House Concurrent Resolution 74:
National Police Officers' Memorial Service***

Washington, D.C. --

Thank you, Mr. Speaker. I yield myself such time as I may consume. Mr. Speaker, H.Con. Res. 74 authorizes use of the Capitol Grounds for the 20th annual National Peace Officers Memorial Service - a most solemn and respectful service. I strongly support this resolution that honors police officers, - brave men and women, who gave their lives in the daily work of protecting our families and us, at home and in our workplaces.

On average, one officer is killed in this country every other day, approximately 23,000 are injured every year, and thousands are assaulted going about their daily routines.

During last year 150 very devoted, brave officers from the ranks of state, local and federal service were killed in the line of duty -- 144 men, and 6 women were killed. The average age of those killed was 39 years, and they had an average of 10 years in service.

In my state of Oklahoma four brave police officers died in the line of duty during 2000. At this time I would like to read their names into the record:

Deputy Charles Floyd Trivitt, Hughes County Sheriff's Department, died February 21, 2000.

Correctional Officer Joe Allen Gamble, Oklahoma Department of Corrections, Granite Reformatory, died June 6th, 2000.

Trooper Matthew Scott Evans, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, and Officer Jeffrey Dean Rominger, Oklahoma Highway Patrol died August 31, 2000.

Mr. Speaker, the service to be held on May 15 is the 20th anniversary of this memorial service. It represents a national opportunity to honor the contributions and sacrifices of all police officers. I support the resolution and urge my colleagues to join me

is supporting this tribute to our fallen Peace Officers. Thank you, Mr. Speaker, I reserve the balance of my time.

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